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# PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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June 30, 2000

The Honorable Gary Locke  
Governor, State of Washington  
PO Box 40002  
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Subject: Performance Report 2000 -- Public Access to Campaign and Lobbyist Filings  
(RCW 42.17.463)

Dear Governor Locke:

Enclosed is detailed information concerning the Public Disclosure Commission's performance regarding public access to campaign and lobbying reports. Until December 31, 2000, the statutory goal for access to reported information is:

- reports submitted electronically are to be available in PDC's office within 2 business days and on PDC's Web site within 7 business days; and
- reports submitted on paper are to be available in PDC's office within 4 business days and on PDC's Web site within 14 business days. RCW 42.17.461

Please note that, regardless of filing method, all reports are immediately available for public copying and review upon receipt in the office.

Regarding Web-based information, it is necessary to set priorities for processing reports for availability on the Internet. During the campaign season, approximately July 1 through December 31, candidate and political committee reports are given priority. From January 1 through June 30, lobbying reports move through the system first.

It is gratifying to report that during the height of the 1999 campaign season, September through November, electronically filed campaign reports were available on the Web within 2 to 3 days. Those filed on paper were accessible in approximately 5 days. Both of these results are well within the time frames noted in the statute.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public comment confirms that our access-to-information performance substantially improved during the second half of 1999. Nevertheless, we will continue to strive to do better. During the 2000 campaign season, with newly installed imaging software, copies of electronically filed campaign reports will be available on the Web immediately upon receipt by PDC. In addition, PDC is aiming to make copies of paper filings available on the Web within 7 days of receipt, even though the volume and size of reports received in 2000 are expected to far exceed 1999 levels.

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From January through April, lobbyist reports were, on average, made accessible on the Web between 3.5 and 6.4 days of receipt. All lobbyists file paper reports. Electronic reporting will be offered to lobbyists and their employers no later than January 1, 2002.

You may also be interested to learn that, as of June 1, 2000, 21 percent of the candidates for statewide office are filing their campaign reports electronically, compared to 4 percent of legislative candidates, 6 percent of local and judicial candidates and 2 percent of continuing political committees.

PDC is attempting to attract additional electronic filers by providing one-on-one assistance to electronic filers and offering night and weekend training sessions in Eastern and Western Washington. However, it may be that the vast majority of campaign filers will not convert to electronic filing until the January 2002 mandatory deadline for those spending \$25,000 or more.

The Commission appreciates your and the Legislature's support in approving the resources necessary to fulfill its mission efficiently and effectively with the aid of technology. The members hope you share their optimism and view that the enclosed performance report demonstrates this support has been well-placed.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie  
Executive Director

cc: Members, Public Disclosure Commission  
Members, House State Government Committee  
Members, Senate State and Local Government Committee  
Members, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee

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**Performance Report 2000**

**Public Access to Campaign and Lobbyist Filings**

in compliance with RCW 42.17.463

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**June 30, 2000**

## Performance Measures Summary—Campaign Finance

RCW 42.17.463(1) & (2)

**Note:** All reports required by RCW 42.17 are immediately available in the office upon receipt.

### Average No. of Days from Receipt to Internet

#### *Electronic Filers*

		-----1999-----					-----2000-----				
	Type of Report	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
State Office Candidates	C3/C4	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.4	1.6	5.0	5.8	2.9	6.6	5.4
Political Committees	C3/C4	3.1	2.0	3.0	3.4	2.2	4.4	5.0	3.8	7.0	4.8
Local/Judicial Candidates	C3/C4	3.2	3.4	2.7	2.6	2.1	3.6	4.8	3.0	8.8	4.9

#### *Paper Filers*

	Type of Report	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>Candidates</b>											
State Executive Candidates	C1, C3/C4	9.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.0	5.6	4.2	2.9	6.6	4.4
State Legislative Candidates	C1, C3/C4	9.3	4.0	3.5	3.3	4.0	5.1	9.1	2.8	6.4	4.8
Local/Judicial Candidates	C1, C3/4	9.7	4.1	4.0	3.8	7.5	8.8	5.6	4.0	7.2	6.0
All Candidates	Last Minute Contributions*			2.4	3.2						

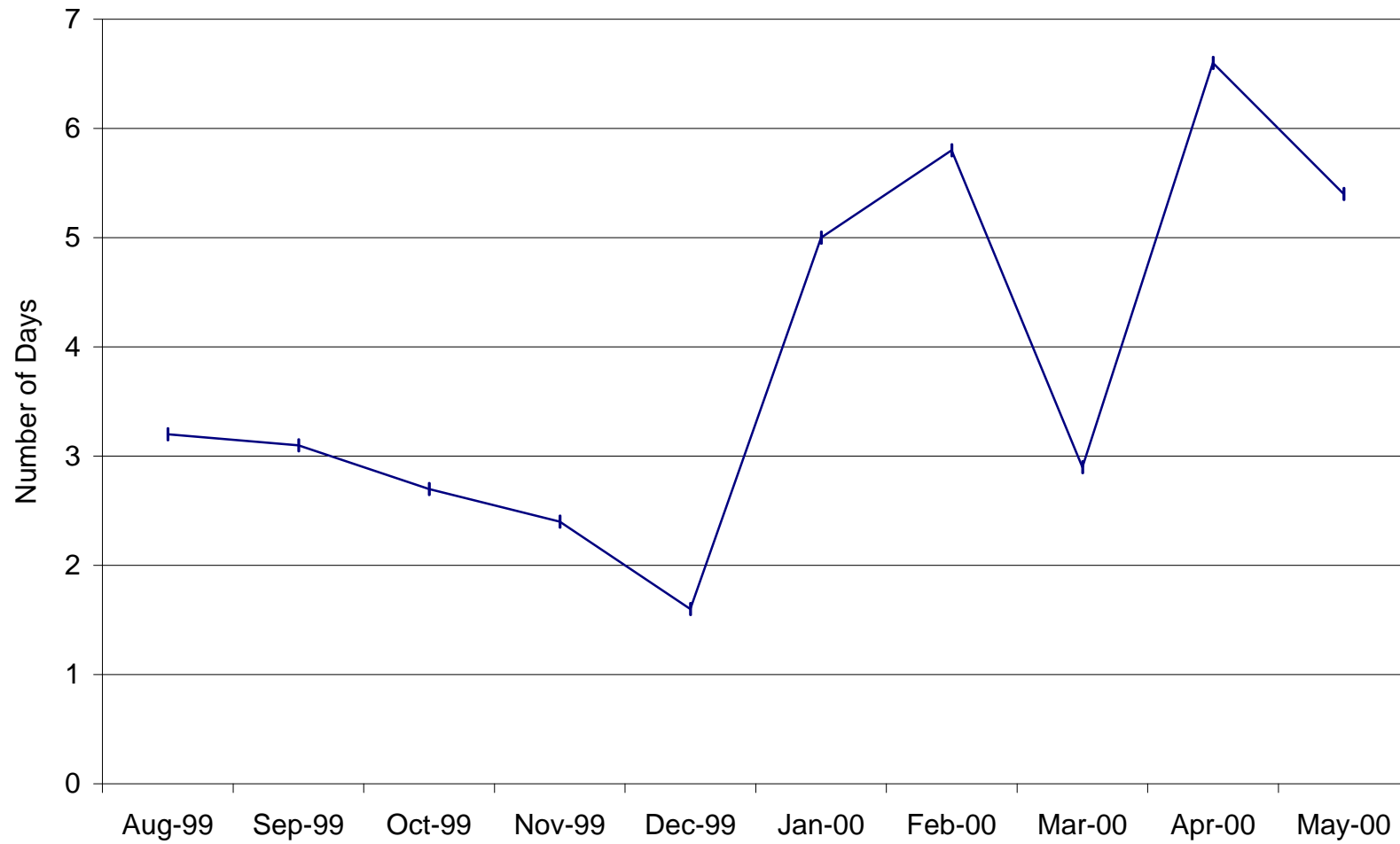
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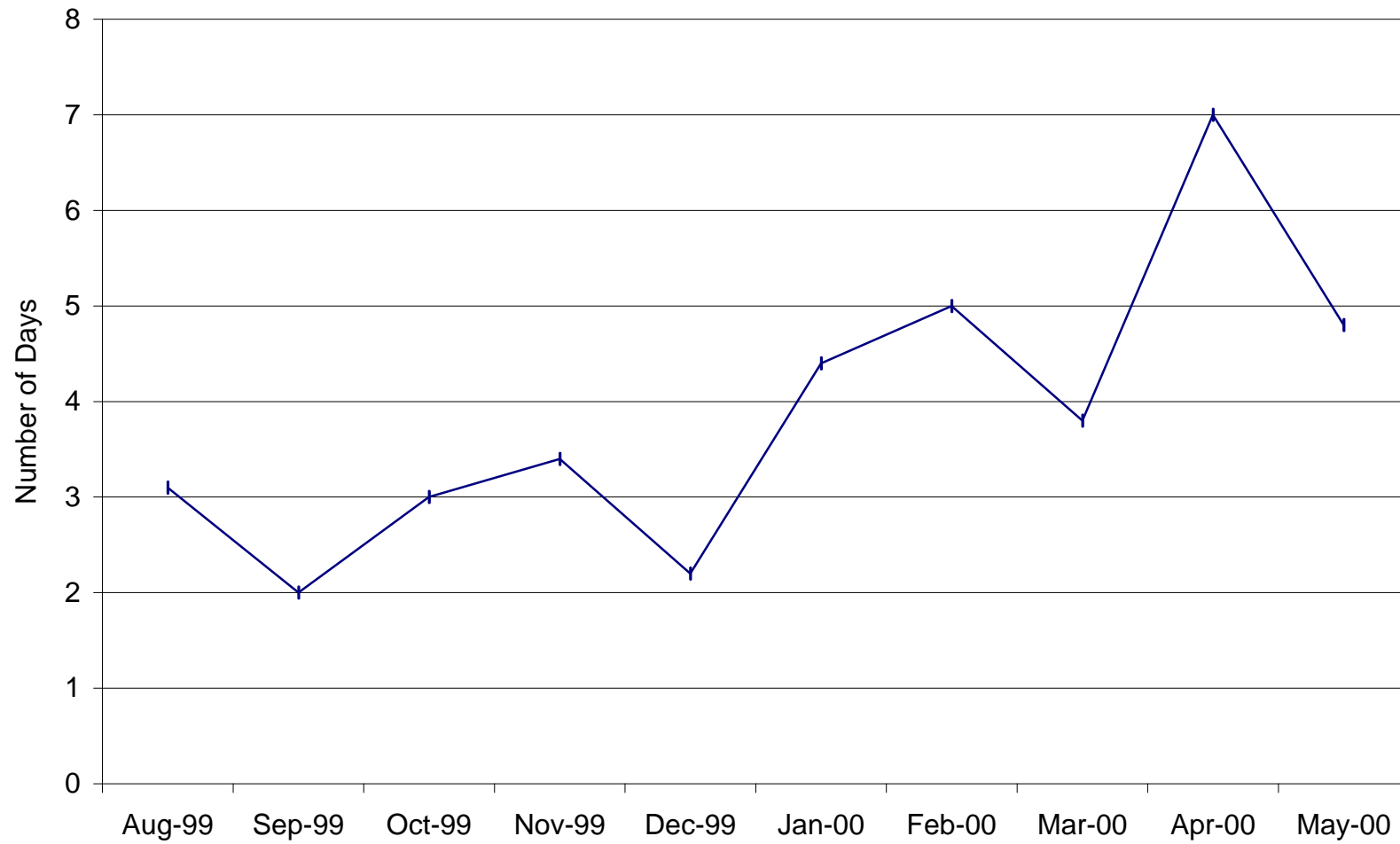
		-----1999-----					-----2000-----				
	Type of Report	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>Committees</b>											
Political Committees	C1pc, C3/4	9.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	26.8	31.8	30.9	11.2	7.9	10.2
Statewide Initiative Committees	C1pc, C3/4	9.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.6	35.2	14.6	3.7	7.3	3.9
All Committees	Last Minute Contributions*			2.9	2.7						
Independent Campaign Expenditures	C6	10.0	8.0	5.3	4.0	11.0	10.2	15.7	3.0	0	0

\*If someone filed a C3 report within the 24-48 hour time period, it is not designated as a last minute contribution, it is simply posted to the Web as expeditiously as possible in the same manner as other C3 reports.

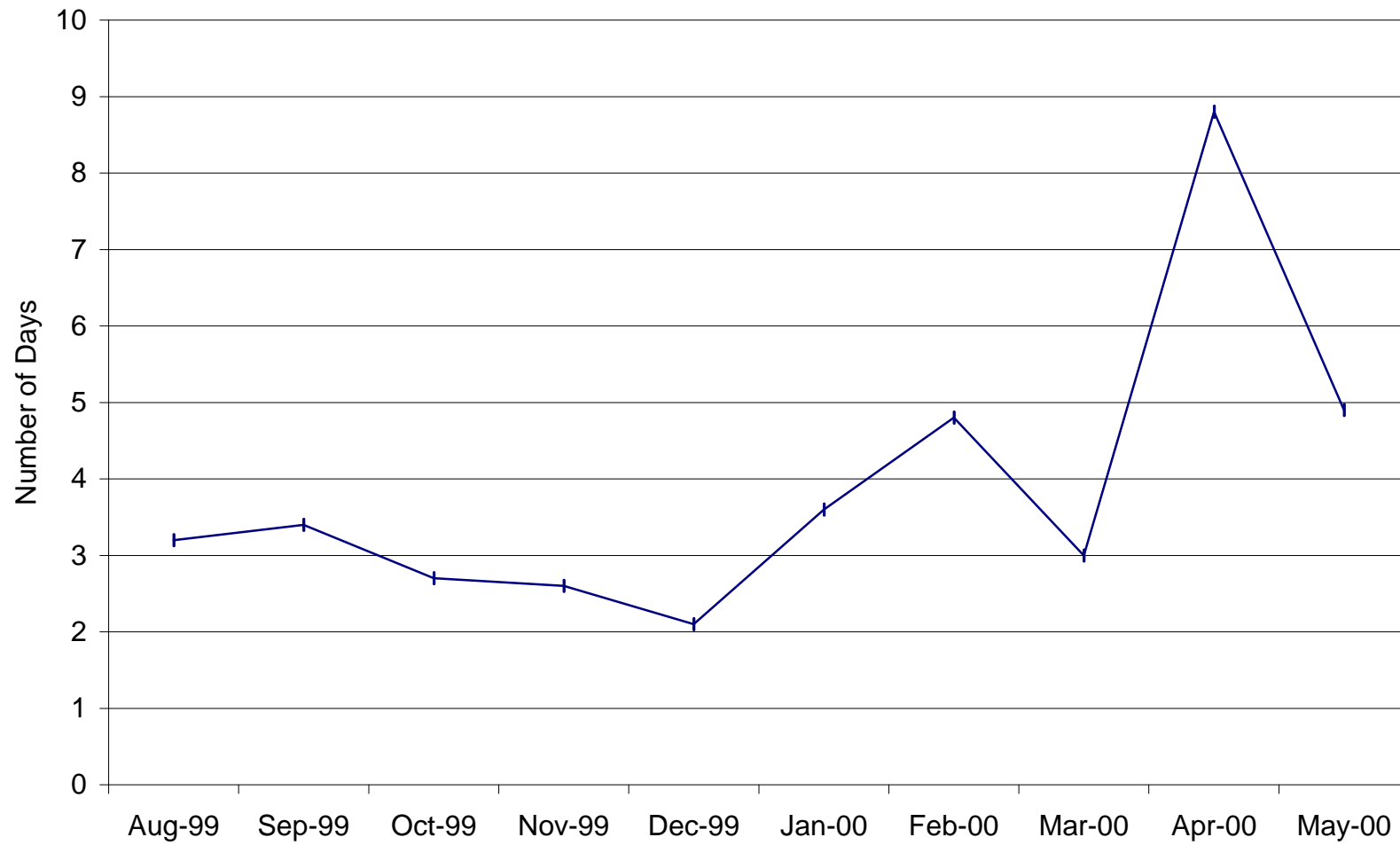
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## Political Committees Filing Electronically Campaign Finance Reports

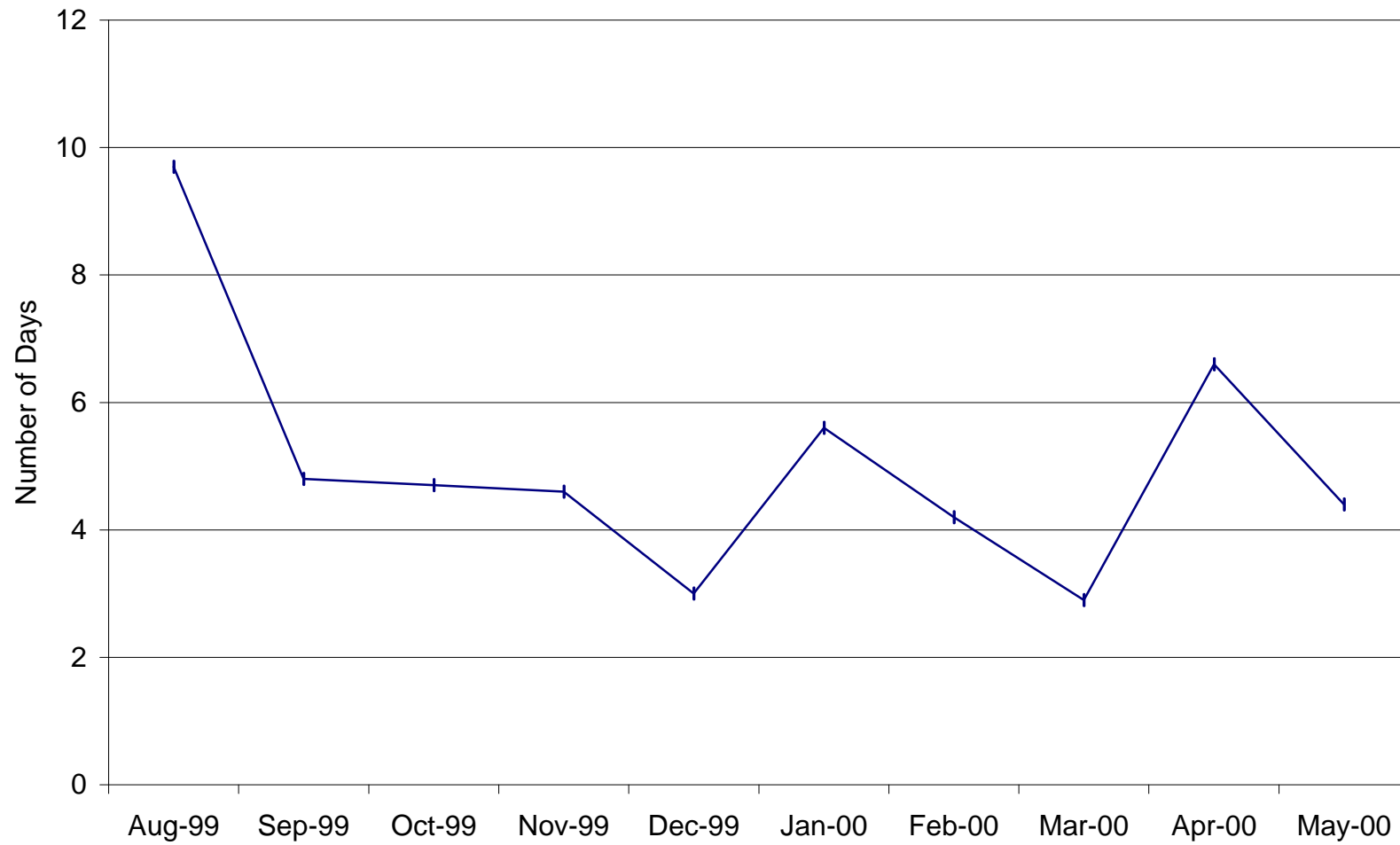


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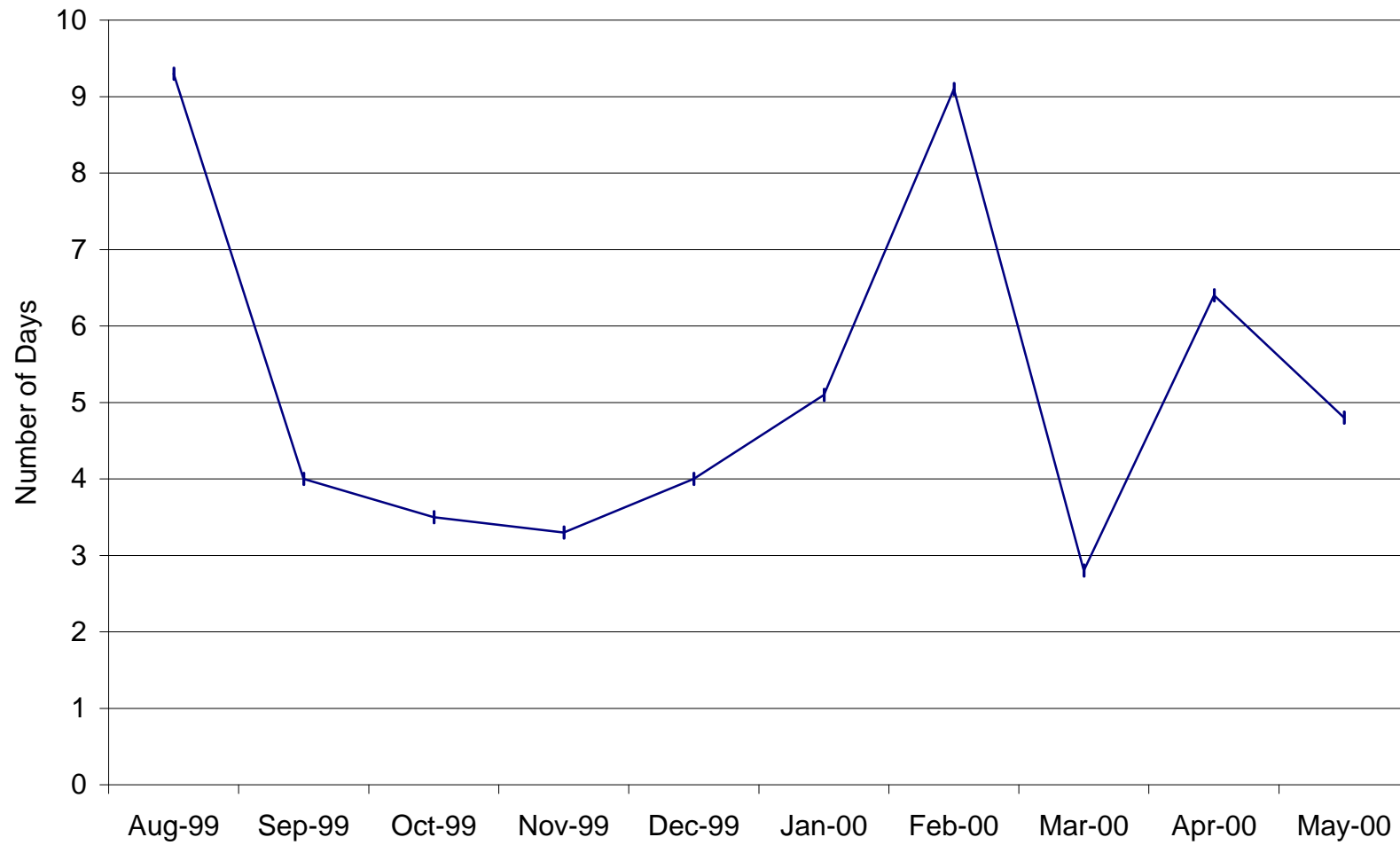




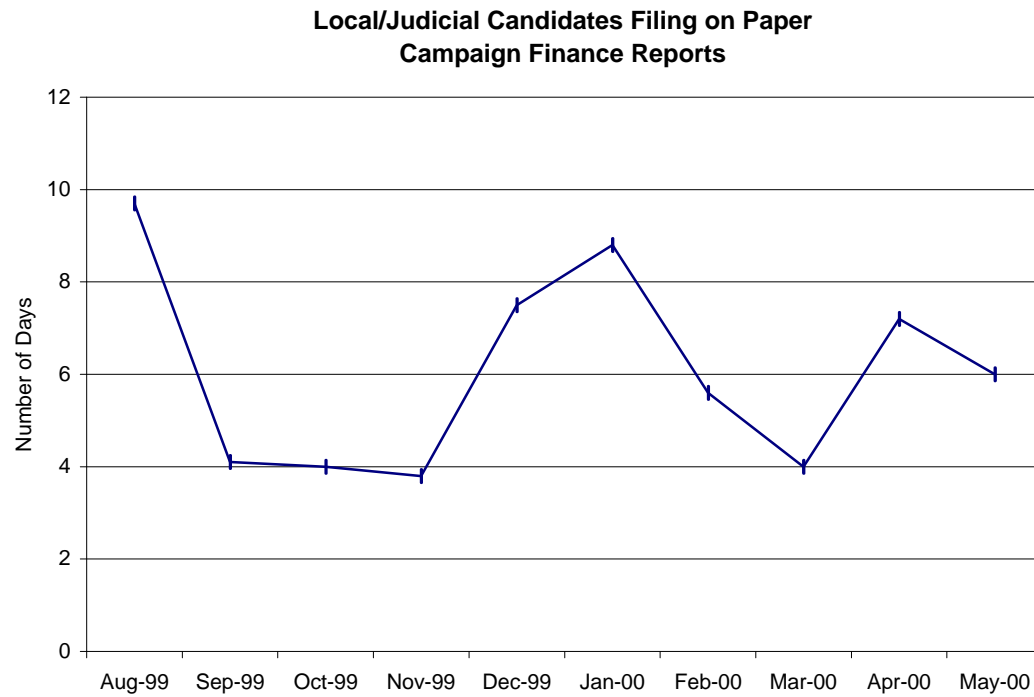
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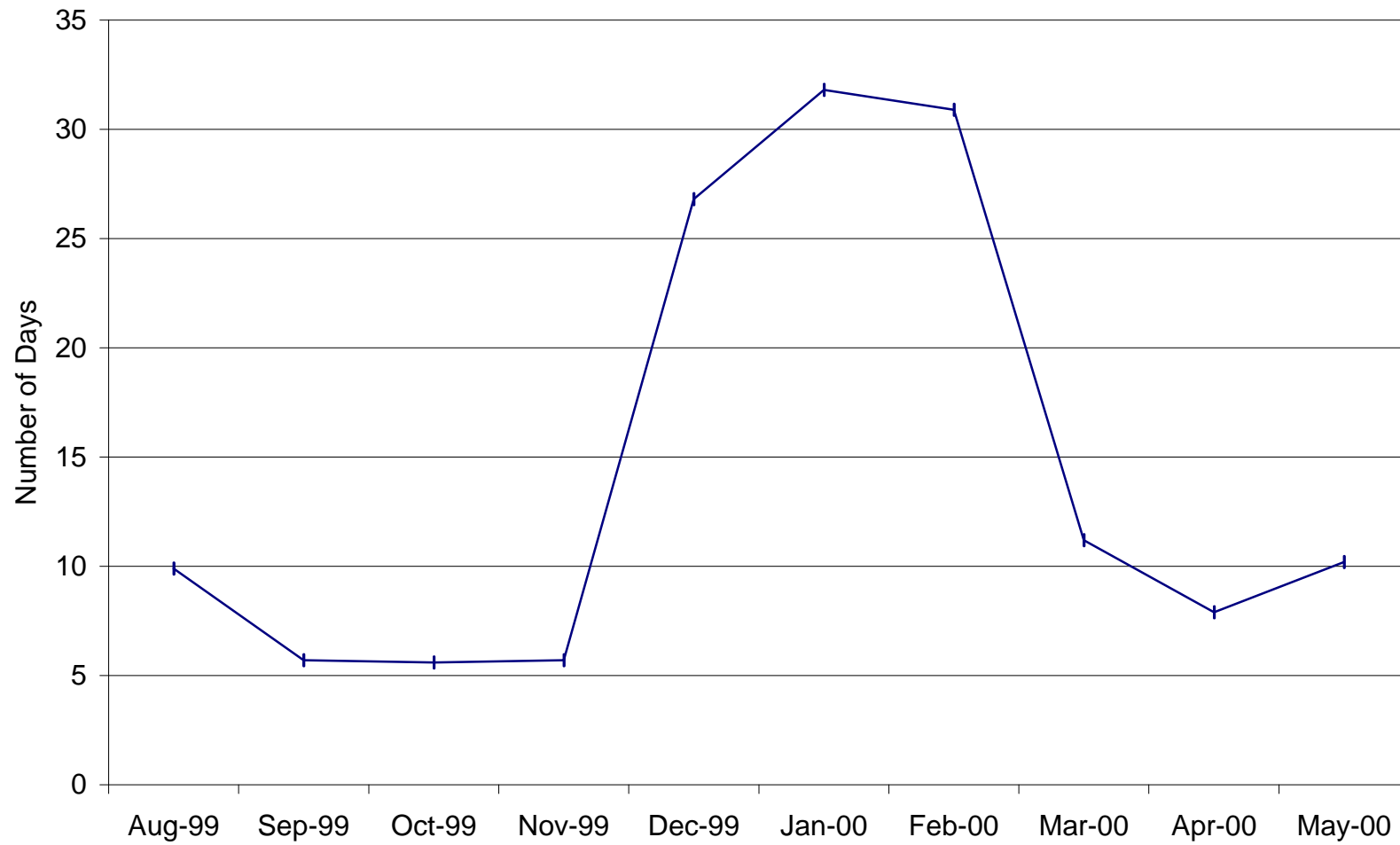
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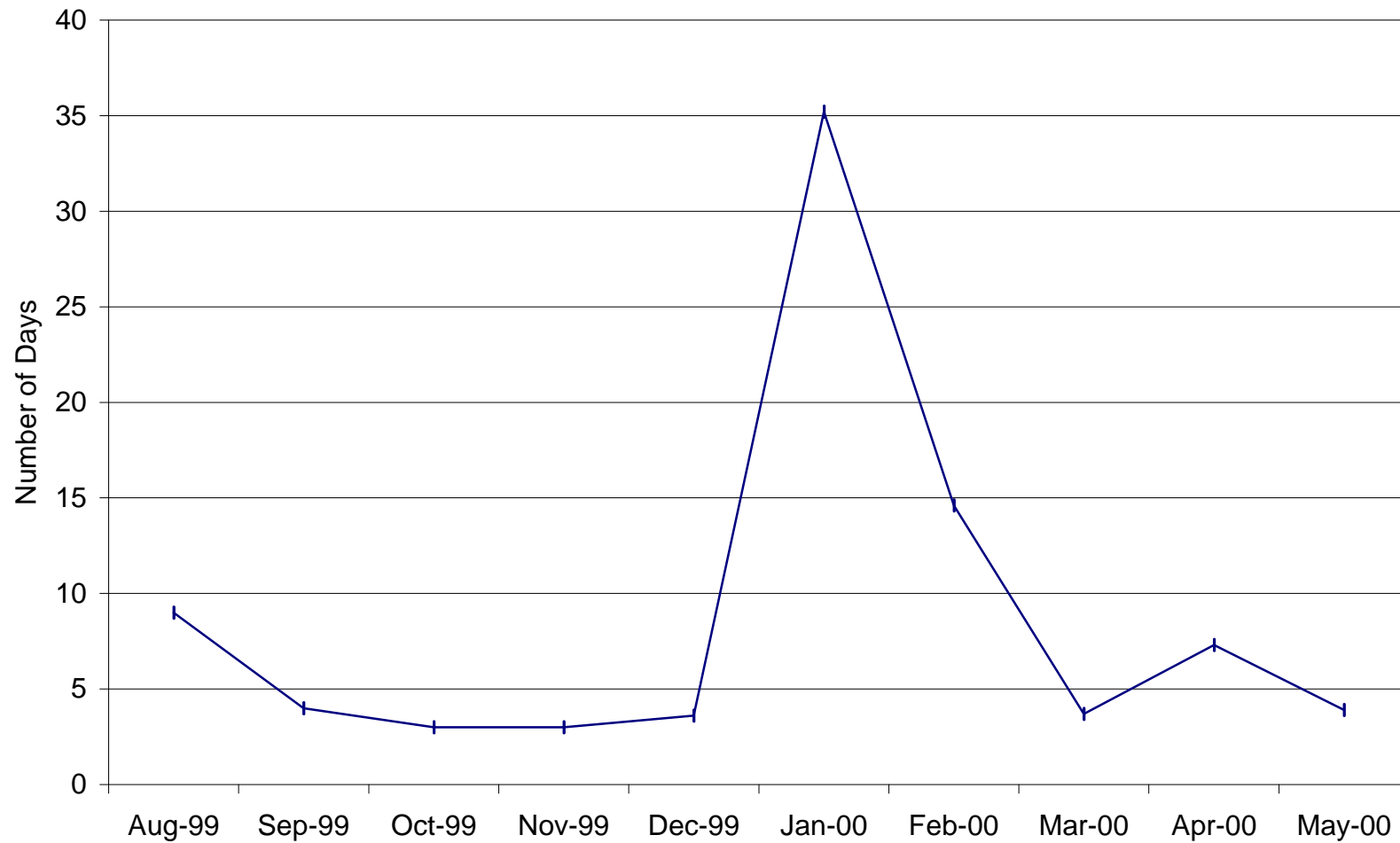
Aug-99	Sep-99	Oct-99	Nov-99	Dec-99	Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00
9.7	4.1	4	3.8	7.5	8.8	5.6	4	7.2	6



## Political Committees Filing on Paper Campaign Finance Reports



## Statewide Initiative Committees Filing on Paper Campaign Finance Reports



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## Performance Measures Summary—Lobbying

RCW 42.17.463(3)

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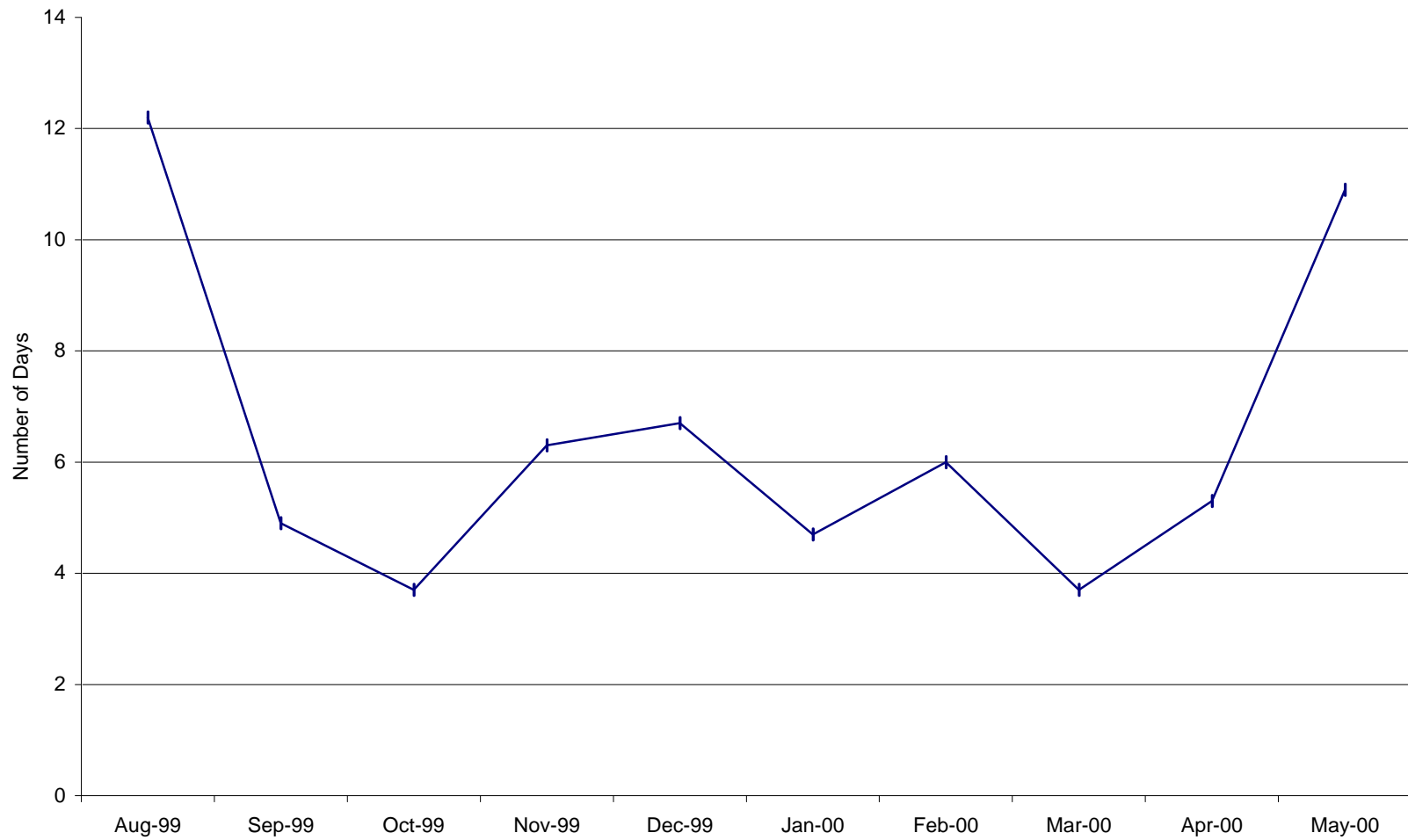
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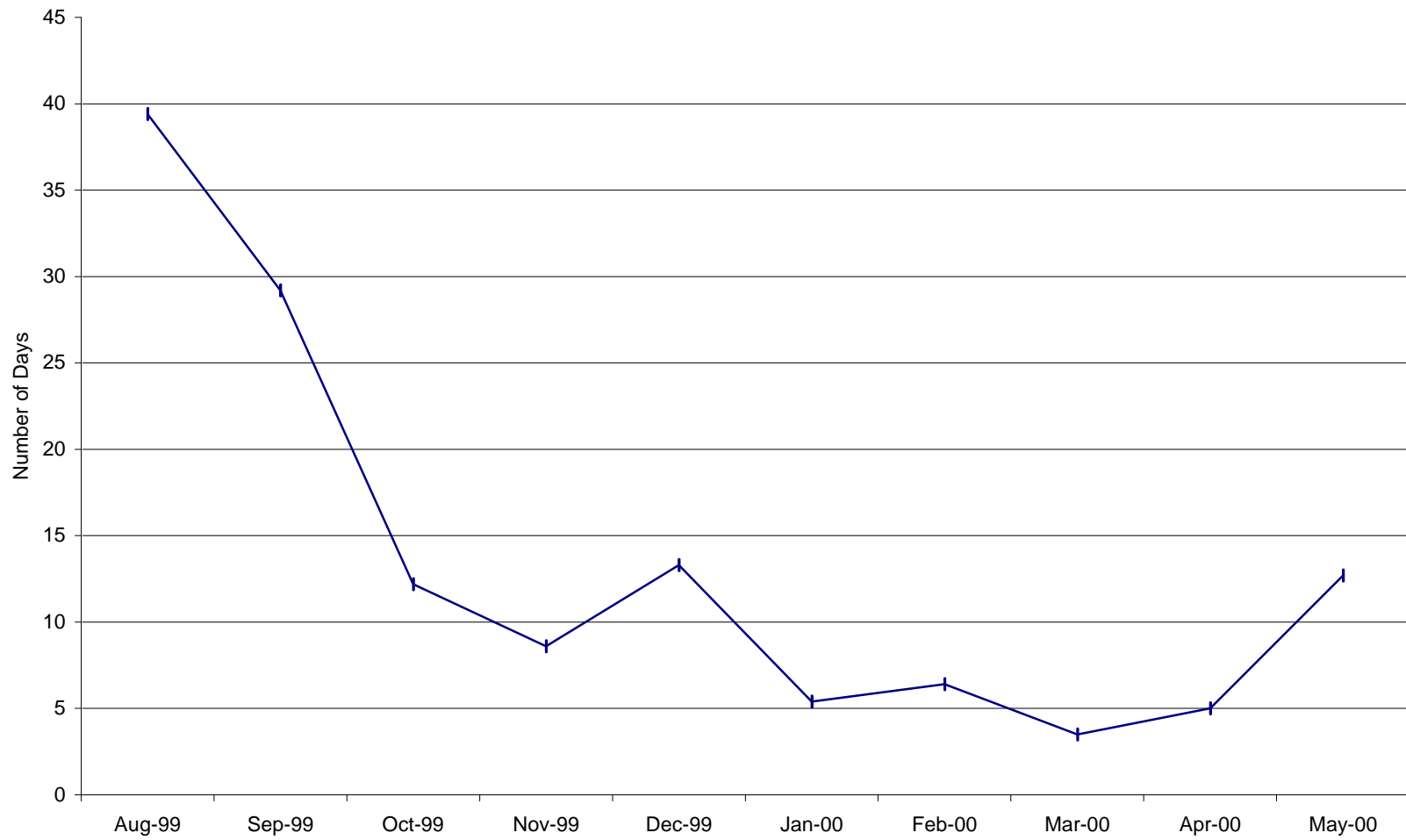
***Paper Filers***

		-----1999-----					-----2000-----				
	Type of Report	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>Lobbying Reports</b>											
Lobbyist Registration	L1	12.1	4.9	3.7	6.3	6.7	4.7	6.0	3.7	5.3	10.9
Lobbyist Expenditures	L2	39.4	29.2	12.2	8.6	13.3	5.4	6.4	3.5	5.0	12.7
Employer Expenditures	L3	15.4	8.3	0	0	8.0	4.0	7.1	4.1	6.6	5.8
Special Contributions	L3c	15.2	7.3	7.3	7.0	12.0	4.2	6.0	3.3	4.0	14.6
Last Minute Contributions*	LMC	0	0	3.4	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Lobbyist Registration Statements (L1)

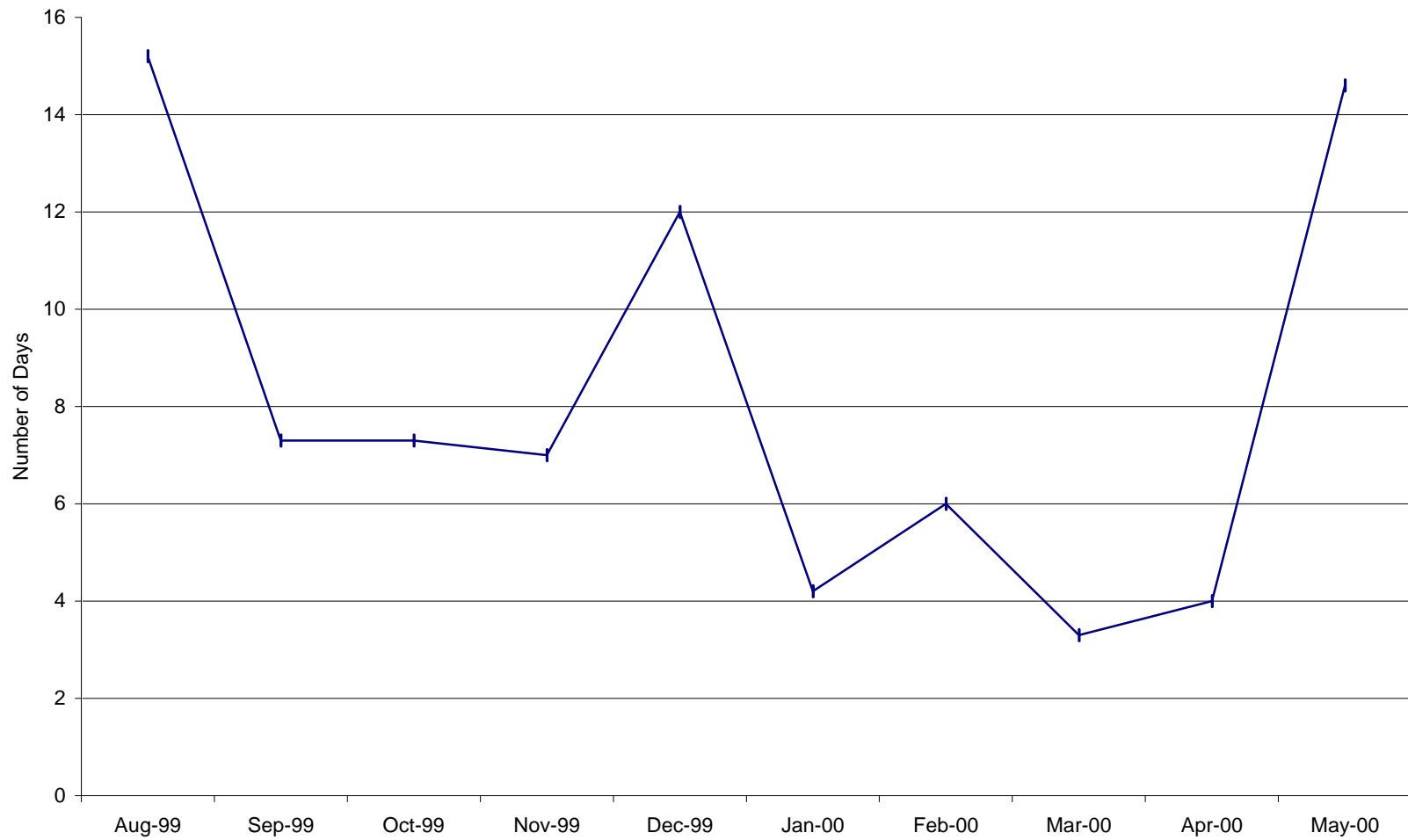


## Lobbyist Expense Reports (L2)





### Employer of Lobbyist Monthly Contribution Reports (L3c)



## Electronic Filers vs. Paper Filers

RCW 42.17.463(4)-(6)

	Number of Filers	Percent that File Electronically	Percent that file on Paper
2000 Statewide candidates	29	21%	79%
2000 Legislative candidates	223	4%	96%
2000 Local/Judicial candidates	144	6%	94%
Continuing Political Committees	741	2%	98%
Lobbyists	946		100%*
Lobbyist Employers	1,136		100%*

Data is current as of June 1, 2000

\*Electronic Filing for lobbyists and lobbyist employers is not yet available.